

**MINUTES OF THE  
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,  
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS  
January 06, 2012**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, January 06, 2012, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia with the following members present:

**MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Ben P. Marion, CSW, MFT, Vice-Chair  
Jack Perryman, LPC  
Richard Long, MFT  
William C. Bacon, MFT  
Steve Livingston, MFT  
Tommy Black, LPC  
Tonya Barbee, CSW  
Robert King, CSW

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT:**

Bonnie Barker, LPC, Chair  
Eunice Mixon, Consumer Member

**ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF PRESENT:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director  
Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General  
Serena Gadson, Licensure Supervisor  
Shondra Chester, Licensure Analyst  
Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist

**GUEST(S) ATTENDEES:**

Gale Macke, Executive Director, LPCA

**Ben Marion, Vice-Chair, established a quorum of the Board was present and called the Board meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.**

**Board Announcements:**

- Mr. Marion, Vice-Chair, notified the Board that Ms. Bonnie Barker, Chair, would be unable to attend today's scheduled meeting.
- New Board Member Oath of Office was conducted.
  - Robert King, CSW, Dahlonega, GA
- Board Member Reappointments
  - Jack Perryman, Leary, GA

**Agenda:        Approved as presented**

**Minutes:**

**Bacon motioned, Barbee seconded, and the Board voted to approve the minutes from the December 02, 2011 meeting as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Executive Director's Report:**

1. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that the amendments to Rule 135-9 Continuing Education adopted by the Board in August of 2011 had not been updated on the Board's website link to the rules, but is posted on the homepage. Requested the Board consider reviewing each Continuing Education Audit for this year's renewal date on a case-by-case basis.

2. Mr. Zimmerman reminded the Board that due to the General Assembly passing House Bill 87, which revised O.C.G.A. §50-36-1. Effective January 01, 2012, all applicants/entities (principal individual') submitting initial applications, and all individuals/entities (principal individual') renewing licenses will be required to submit secure and verifiable documentation to prove lawful presence in the US, and that this process could potentially slow down new license issuance and the renewal process for all licensees'.
3. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board that the administrative staff continue to receive numerous requests monthly regarding the Board's rules, policies or laws on counseling services provided via electronic means (such as SKYPE, the Internet, telephone). Following discussion, the Board policy for responses will be:

*"The Board does not give legal advice. The Board rules, nor the Practice Act (O.C.G.A. § 43-10A) addresses, or makes provisions for, this type of practice. Board concerns include confidentiality, privacy and jurisdictional issues. Please consult your National and International Associations as a resource, in addition to legal counsel of your choosing to be sure your professional services are within the scope of practice for the state you are practicing in, including GA."*

The Board will keep this topic as an ongoing agenda item and continue its discussion and review of rules regarding this matter.

4. Mr. Zimmerman notified the Board of another recurring issue, in the same context as number 3 above, has been questions about Continuing Education Hours by SKYPE, Webinars, etc.... are these considered as "online" or not? Following discussion, the Board policy for responses will be:

*"These type activities are not direct, participatory, face-to-face activities and as such, will be considered as, and counted as, "online" courses **ONLY**, and, only for up to the limit of ten (10) online CE hours accepted of the total 35 CE Hours required for renewal. The remaining twenty-five (25) must be obtained via direct, participatory, face-to-face activities."*

**Livingston motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Executive Directors report and polices as stated. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Correspondences:**

- Clara Braswell, Kenneth Vaughn, Lanell Johnson, Melissa Eddy, Natalie Grubbs, Sarah Beth Wheeler, Stephanie Westbrook, Susan Schmitt, Jessica Steinbook, Timothy Hussey, Yesenia Carrillo and Raymond McCranie

**Bacon motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to allow the administrative staff to respond to all correspondences presented to the Board as directed. None opposed, motion carried.**

**Petition for Variance/Waiver Requests:**

- Bodine, Keena-Rule 135-5-.02(b)2 Requirements for Licensure Professional Counselors

**Perryman motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Douglas, Harry-Rule 135-6-.04 (2) Revocation of Expired Licenses and Reinstatement of Expired Licenses

**Long motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship; licensee must retake examination. None opposed, motion carried.**

- Weathers, Corie-Rule 135-5-.01 Requirements for Licensure Associate Professional Counselors, Rule 135-5-.02 Requirements for Licensure Professional Counselors, and Rule 135-3-.04 Licensure by Endorsement

**Black motioned, Long seconded, and the Board voted to deny the petition for variance/waiver request. Insufficient evidence provided to prove hardship. Applicant must provide evidence of additional 30 hours of supervision. None opposed, motion carried.**

#### **Rules Discussion Continued:**

Rules Discussion was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

**Livingston motioned, Barbee seconded, and the Board voted to enter into Executive Session in accordance with O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (1) (2), O.C.G.A. § 50-14-2(1), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-2(k) (4), O.C.G.A. § 43-1-19 (h) (2) & (4) to receive and review information pertaining to Applications, receive the Attorney General's, Cognizant, and Professional Practice Reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members: Marion, Perryman, Black, Barbee, King, Long, Bacon, and Livingston**

**At the conclusion of Executive Session on Friday, January 06, 2012, Mr. Marion declared the meeting to be "open" pursuant to the Open and Public Meeting Act O.C.G.A. § 50-14-1 et seq.**

#### **APPLICATIONS:**

**Long motioned, Livingston seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Marriage & Family Therapists applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

#### **ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:**

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|---------|---|
| 1. J.B. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 2. B.D. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 3. R.L. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 4. M.M. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 5. L.M. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 6. G.M. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 7. L.O. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 8. J.S. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 9. N.S. | Pending the receipt of additional information |

#### **ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST- CONTRACT CHANGES:**

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| 1. Gaines, Erica | Contract changes approved |
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| 2. Reddish, Keenan | Contract changes approved |
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**MARRIAGE & FAMILY THERAPIST BY EXAM:**

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| 1. R.C. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 2. N.E. | Approved to sit for exam |
| 3. G.W. | Approved to sit for exam |

**Perryman motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Professional Counselors applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR – CONTRACT CHANGES:**

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Hill, Christy    | Contract changes approved |
| 2. Hodges, Laquetia | Contract changes approved |
| 3. Kiser, Phyllis   | Contract changes approved |
| 4. Marquez, Lauren  | Contract changes approved |
| 5. Roberts, Kim     | Contract changes approved |

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:**

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| 1. A.A.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 2. A.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 3. B.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 4. A.B.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 5. E.E.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 6. M.H.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 7. W.J.  | Approved to sit of exam                       |
| 8. X.M.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 9. A.N.  | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 10. J.P. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 11. E.P. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 12. M.R. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 13. M.S. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 14. D.S. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 15. L.T. | Pending the receipt of additional information |
| 16. K.T. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 17. D.V. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 18. C.W. | Approved to sit for exam                      |
| 19. T.W. | Approved to sit for exam                      |

**ASSOCIATE PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

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| 1. Akbarzada, Zulaikha | Approved for licensure                                 |
| 2. Bagley, Bethany     | Approved for licensure                                 |
| 3. R.B.                | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 4. Buckler, Jennifer   | Approved for licensure                                 |
| 5. W.C.                | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 6. S.D.                | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |
| 7. K.D.                | Approved pending the receipt of additional information |

8. Dunning, Lucinda	Approved for licensure
9. Finch, Joy	Approved for licensure
10. Gobe, Renzo	Approved for licensure
11. Harris, Tawaina	Approved for licensure
12. R.H.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
13. J.H.	Pending applicant interview
14. Jacko, Priscilla	Approved for licensure
15. Kloth, Meredith	Approved for licensure
16. Kramer, Mieke	Approved for licensure
17. LaForce-Gillians, Shirley	Approved for licensure
18. Martin, Susan	Approved for licensure
19. Maxwell, Heidi	Approved for licensure
20. Molyneaux, Kevin	Approved for licensure
21. Morris, Pamela	Approved for licensure
22. D.O.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
23. P.R.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
24. W.S.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
25. Santiago-Suarez, Yanicee	Approved for licensure
26. Soares, Lorena	Approved for licensure
27. Talbott, Kelly	Approved for licensure
28. Thomas, Zulaikha	Approved for licensure
29. Watts, Suzanne	Approved for licensure
30. Wedge, Evelyn	Approved for licensure
31. Whiting, Mycah	Approved for licensure
32. Whyte, Kim	Approved for licensure
33. Wood, Rachel	Approved for licensure

#### **LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM:**

1. J.B.	Approved to sit for exam
2. L.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. L.F.	Approved to sit for exam
4. S.G.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
5. W.J.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
6. L.K.	Pending the receipt of additional information
7. T.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
8. R.L.	Pending the receipt of additional information
9. K.M.	Approved to sit for exam
10. R.O.	Approved to sit for exam
11. M.S.	Approved to sit for exam
12. M.V.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. L.W.	Approved to sit for exam

#### **LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Alaba-Yusouf, Melissa	Approved for licensure
2. K.A.	Pending the receipt of additional information
3. Anderson, Sally	Approved for licensure
4. Bankston, Nancy	Approved for licensure
5. J.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information

6. Camp, Jessica	Approved for licensure
7. Daniel, Jacquelyn	Approved for licensure
8. Driessen, Dominique	Approved for licensure
9. Elliott, Natalie	Approved for licensure
10. J.F.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. Gardner, Cheryl	Approved for licensure
12. Hemingway, Tim	Approved for licensure
13. Herberger, Deborah	Approved for licensure
14. Ingram-Cooper, Tyronza	Approved for licensure
15. Jewell, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
16. Johnson, Kathy	Approved for licensure
17. Julia, Gloria	Approved for licensure
18. M.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
19. Metheny, Carolyn	Approved for licensure
20. Miller, Tara	Approved for licensure
21. Myers, Heather	Approved for licensure
22. Oliveria, Gail	Approved for licensure
23. Postich, Sarah	Approved for licensure
24. Reese, Pamela	Approved for licensure
25. Reid-Webster, Kendall	Approved for licensure
26. Roche, Shelby	Approved for licensure
27. Snyder, Vanessa	Approved for licensure
28. Thornton, Kevin	Approved for licensure
29. C.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
30. T.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
31. L.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
32. Wise, Mary	Approved for licensure

#### **LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY ENDORSEMENT:**

1. Adams, Stephen	Approved for licensure
2. Clark, Lisa	Approved for licensure
3. Kirk, Mario	Approved for licensure
4. Stephenson, Kirsten	Approved for licensure
5. Whiteside, Brenda	Approved for licensure

#### **LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. H.D.	Pending the receipt of additional information
2. E.P.	Pending the receipt of additional information
3. J.W.	Pending applicant interview

**Barbee motioned, King seconded, and the Board voted to accept the following Social Workers applications as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

#### **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:**

1. B.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. M.A.	Approved to sit for exam
3. M.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information

4. J.B.	Approved to sit for exam
5. N.C.	Approved to sit for exam
6. S.H.	Approved to sit for exam
7. C.M.	Approved to sit for exam
8. C.O.	Approved to sit for exam
9. B.P.	Pending the receipt of additional information
10. I.R.	Pending the receipt of additional information
11. P.W.	Approved to sit for exam
12. C.W.	Pending the receipt of additional information
13. E.Y.	Approved to sit for exam
14. A.Z.	Approved to sit for exam

#### **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Adams, Theresa	Approved for licensure
2. Crampton, Kelli	Approved for licensure
3. Larson, Kamarie	Approved for licensure
4. Pavellio, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
5. Smith, Alana	Approved for licensure
6. P.S.	Pending the receipt of additional information
7. Wilson, Anthony	Approved for licensure

#### **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. B.M.	Pending applicant interview
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#### **CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER BY REACTIVATION:**

1. Schwartzberg, Cynthia	Approved for licensure
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#### **MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM:**

1. B.A.	Approved to sit for exam
2. M.B.	Approved to sit for exam
3. D.B.	Pending the receipt of additional information
4. D.B.	Approved to sit for exam
5. R.B.	Approved to sit for exam
6. S.H.	Approved to sit for exam
7. H.H.	Approved to sit for exam
8. P.H.	Approved to sit for exam
9. M.H.	Approved to sit for exam
10. T.J.	Approved to sit for exam
11. J.M.	Approved to sit for exam
12. A.M.	Approved to sit for exam
13. J.P.	Approved to sit for exam
14. S.S.	Approved to sit for exam
15. M.T.	Approved to sit for exam
16. S.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
17. W.T.	Pending the receipt of additional information
18. S.U.	Pending the receipt of additional information

19. C.U.	Approved to sit for exam
20. B.W.	Approved to sit for exam
21. J.W.	Approved to sit for exam
22. S.W.	Approved to sit for exam
23. T.Z.	Approved to sit for exam

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY EXAM WAIVER:**

1. Avery, Nicole	Approved for licensure
2. Banks, Jennifer	Approved for licensure
3. Bethea, Staci	Approved for licensure
4. Lovell, Jaqueline	Approved for licensure
5. Mallon, Anthony	Approved for licensure
6. Moore, Constance	Approved for licensure
7. Rabalais, Toni	Approved for licensure
8. Thorpe, Andrea	Approved for licensure

**MASTER SOCIAL WORKER BY REINSTATEMENT:**

1. L.M.	Pending the receipt of additional information
2. Olivier, Danielle	Approved for licensure

**STANDARDS COMMITTEE- APPLICANT INTERVIEWS:**

**Black motioned, and King seconded, and the Board voted to take the following action on applicants for licensure by Examination appearing before the APC/LPC Standards Committee.**

1. J.M.	Approved pending the receipt of additional information
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**PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE COMMITTEE REPORT:**

**Complaint Cases Closed:**

- COMP110107, COMP120015, COMP120016, COMP120018, COMP120022, COMP120024, COMP120025, COMP120026, COMP120033 and COMP120041
- COMP120017- Mr. Long is recused from all Board discussion involving this case

**Complaint Cases - Schedule Investigative Interviews:**

- COMP110101

**Complaint Cases: Pending the receipt of additional information:**

- COMP120002

**Black motioned, Perryman seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Professional Practice Committee Report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**



**ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL'S REPORT:**

Tricia Downing, Senior Assistant Attorney General provided a status report, which included information on any cases referred for action.

**Barbee motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to accept the Attorney General's report as presented. None opposed, motion carried.**

**With no additional Board business requiring discussion, Bacon motioned, Black seconded, and the Board voted to adjourn today's scheduled meeting at 3:25 p.m.**

**Minutes recorded by:**

Amanda M. Allen, Board Support Specialist and

**Minutes reviewed and edited by:**

Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

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Ben Marion, Vice-Chair

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Brig Zimmerman, Executive Director

These minutes were approved on: February 10, 2012